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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices were trending lower in the East, generally unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with scattered features activity. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. Winter weather conditions hampered parts of the Northeast over the weekend. In the parts structure, movement was seasonally fair to moderate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Other items were adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/15/03-12/19/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
<b>Delivered to First Receivers</b>				
Bos/New Eng	58.00-63.00	61.32	19	60.77
Chicago	56.00-59.00	59.22	38	61.30
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	61.29
Denver	73.50	73.41	17	72.79
Detroit	55.00-59.00	58.14	14	63.21
Los Angeles	74.00	72.35	65	72.58
New York	60.00-62.00	61.36	28	62.93
Philadelphia	59.50-61.00	60.50	12	59.89
Pittsburgh	60.00-62.00	60.92	12	64.85
St. Louis	58.50	58.31	24	58.51
San Francisco	74.50	73.34	31	78.78

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/15/03	Change/Last Wk	12/08/03	12/16/02
588	65.77	-0.24	66.01	53.89

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
EAST	63.00-64.00	63.74	32
Central	58.00-66.50	63.38	71
West	58.00-65.00	63.59	34

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	68.50-69.50	68.32	82
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,080	56.00-79.00	67.67

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	198.50	1,446
BREASTS - B/S	169.50	5,750
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,643
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	1,078
LEG QUARTERS	30.50	8,426
WINGS	103.50	3,055

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally fair entering the week. Offerings varied but were generally fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to no better than fair. The market tone was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily; boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to available. The balance of cuts ranged balanced to at least adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the week was seasonally light to fair, best for feature activity and other traditional holiday items. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were generally sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in close balance and were well cleared. All other items varied, but were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday. Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings of heavy weights were in better balance with lighter weights easily adequate to cover the reduced buying activities. Retailer demand was light for whole body and moderate for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 30-32.5 and 4/10s 32.5-37, breast bone-in 79-88 and boneless 136- 144, wings 101-105. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .36 to 60.35 with the volume reported down 7 percent to 27 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices were mostly unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Offerings were adequate for current trade needs. Movement into retail and food service was light to moderate, instances good into catering and fast food. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights generally desirable, occasionally light. Parts trade was irregular and limited overall. Supplies of all items were available. The market tone was steady on all parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally no better than fair. Seller offerings varied by size from plant to plant, but were fully sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate. Boneless/skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample. Leg cuts were adequate and were generally noted as in manageable balance, particularly whole legs. Wings were fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	57-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.98
NO. OF BOXES	11,805

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was seasonally fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were available and competitive priced to stimulate additional interest. Bone-in breasts were generally sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate. Wings were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. Inclement weather hampered parts of the Northeast over the weekend but was not much of a factor entering the week. The market tone was barely steady on boneless-skinless breasts, at least steady to fully steady on bone-in breasts and wings; generally steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		145	149.14	671,620
TENDERLOINS		145	144.52	96,260
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77		83.89	143,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	76		77.59	103,120
LEGS	38-39		37.45	411,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30		29.42	297,258
DRUMSTICKS	36-37		38.72	139,540
THIGHS	35-36		41.39	45,700
B/S THIGHS	85-86		88.09	99,740
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94		99.18	120,830
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.97	39,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		36.94	9,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		69.68	19,320

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	917	128.00-193.00	132-137	137.73
TENDERLOINS	294	140.00-191.00	140-145	146.39
BREAST - WITH RIBS	203	71.00-92.00	71-76	77.01
FRONT HALVES	137	71.00-77.00	72-73	72.61
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	892	26.00-28.00	26	26.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,419	28.00-29.00	28	28.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	185	81.00-97.00	94-95	94.46
DRUMSTICKS	240	33.00-36.00	-	34.50
THIGHS	1,050	32.00-35.00	34-35	34.36

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/15	12/11	12/11	12/08	12/04
ALA	3,892	3,926	5.19	3,923	5.22
ARK	5,230	5,223	4.98	5,394	4.98
DELMARVA	2,150	2,229	5.37	2,203	5.46
KY-LA-TN	1,988	1,971	4.86	1,977	4.95
MISS	2,849	2,958	5.26	2,970	4.97
NC	2,378	2,433	6.27	2,374	6.26
TEXAS	2,472	2,505	4.92	2,445	4.91
TOTAL	20,959	21,245	5.23	21,286	5.20
MON	20,959 (A)			21,286(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Dec 2003 is estimated to be 31,357,000 down 1.83 percent from a week ago and down 0.63 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,942,000; last year 31,555,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	742	132.00-223.00	132-135	135.39
TENDERLOINS	207	140.00-215.00	-	175.14
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	82.00-93.00	82-84	83.27
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	106	34.00-50.00	36-37	36.39
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	265	24.00-29.00	26	26.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,215	29.00-33.00	29-30	29.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	99.00-107.00	100-102	101.98
WINGS (CUT)	333	110.00-119.00	112-115	113.11
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 15, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00-54.00	52.11	51.83

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 15-DEC-2003 TO 19-DEC-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	137.00 - 159.00	141.00 - 147.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	78.00 - 100.00	78.00 - 83.00
LEGS	35.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	36.00 - 44.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	91.00 - 111.00	94.00 - 97.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 47.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP  
FROZEN DUCKS  
FROZEN SQUABS 600-625

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	99-100
	DRY PACK	101-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

12-DEC-2003

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-16.50	16.00	416,000	320,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.61	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-19.00	11.00-14.50	1,404,000	468,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.33	11.88		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the generally about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 15-DEC-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	6-9	8.5-9	8.60
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

12-DEC-2003

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	13.00-15.00	142,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	14.20		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.25-18.00	10.50-14.00	2,292,400	1,096,800
WTD AVERAGE	15.91	11.53		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for available offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were usually normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-DEC-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5	8.75-9.25	8.98

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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